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SUBJECT: GERMANY: NO TROOPS FOR ESDP DEPLOYMENT IN CHAD AND  
C.A.R.

REF: A. STATE 3208

[1](#)B. PARIS 0072

Classified By: POL M/C JEFF RATHKE. REASONS: 1.4 (B) AND (D).

[1](#)1. (C) Pol mil-chief delivered ref A points to Erik-Jan van Oosterhout in the MFA ESDP Office January 14, underscoring U.S. support for the mission and urging Germany to consider ways of contributing to it. Pol-mil chief noted that while recent French pledges of helicopters and troops would ensure that the long-delayed mission now went forward (ref B), German support for the mission would still be very useful.

[1](#)2. (C) Van Oosterhout confirmed press reporting that Germany had already ruled out sending troops on this mission, believing that it had "already done its part" in deploying 750 troops for last year's ESDP election support mission in Congo. He noted that while the Congo mission had turned out well, it had not been popular among the general public in Germany, who questioned "what are we doing in Africa?" There was simply no political appetite in Germany to send the Bundeswehr on another mission to this part of the world so soon after the Congo operation.

[1](#)3. (C) Van Oosterhout also highlighted that Germany was already making transport aircraft and troops available in support of the related UNAMID mission, and would be financially supporting the ESDP mission in Chad to the tune of about 28 million Euros (i.e., based on Germany's 20% share of the 140 million Euro ESDP common funding costs). Van Oosterhout indicated that German reluctance about deploying troops on the Chad mission was also related to the feeling that the deployment was as much about protecting the interests of France (who has long maintained a military presence in Chad) as those of the Sudanese refugees located there.

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